

He Whom a Dream Hath Possessed

BEING THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE

Myers Park Baptist Church

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

1943



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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

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THIS BOOKLET is dedicated to those who had the courage, faith, and vision to enter into new Kingdom obligations during an era of world confusion to the end that a new and greater church for Christ might be established in this community.

THE DEACONS
of the
MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



DR. WILLIAM MARVIN SCRUGGS

Chairman of Temporary Organizing Committee

Chairman of Executive Committee

First Moderator of the Church

First Chairman of the Board of Deacons

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IN ANY ENTERPRISE such as the creation of a new church there must be some dominant personalities whose very names will command the respect of all who hear of the movement. In Dr. William Marvin Scruggs this church had such a leader. From the initial days to this first Anniversary his influence and work have been monumental, and his name will always be associated with the progress which the church has made. "A great man, living for high ends, is the divinest thing that can be seen on earth."



GEORGE D. HEATON, D.D.

Coming to the Myers Park Baptist Church from the First Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, our first minister has provided the leadership which this new kind of church required. A preacher of national reputation, a man of intense vision, and a pastor whose love for his people has already made him beloved by all, Dr. Heaton has so integrated the leadership and talent of the church that all our strength is united in the common task before us.

He Whom a Dream Hath Possessed

WHY WAS IT that the Myers Park Baptist Church was organized? Certainly not with the intent of providing a more convenient place of worship; nor to the end that we might build a church at the expense of other congregations; neither was it that we might point with denominational pride to what we had done. The answer to the question is to be found in a Divine revelation which came to responsive hearts that some should go out and create in the name of Christ a Baptist Church that would meet the needs of a community as they had never been met before. So we make bold to say that the organization of this church took place because certain people became possessed of a dream.

In the fulfillment of this dream there was the necessity for the re-examination of the work of the Christian church; and the willingness to scrape from her hull whatever barnacles of the past that might impede her progress; and a devotion to all Christian traditions which are essential for the church which is to be established upon the foundation which is laid in Christ Jesus. To this end these people concluded that we could no longer regard the church as an institution doing work on Sunday alone; nor could we regard it as an accessory to modern living; and neither could we measure its strength in the bulkiness of its growth and size.

In a very positive way the charter members of this church have interpreted their dream as meaning first of all a cleaning out of the

wells of personal religious living, so that each member will come through daily devotional practices to a greater awareness of God. We must all have a greater love for Christ if we are to build here for Him a greater church. A further interpretation of this dream led us to see that there must be a union between the church and family as we had not known hitherto; and to achieve this we have set ourselves to the creation of family worship in every household of the church.

In a particular way this people possessed of a dream felt that a new ministry to children and youth must be inaugurated. We must find the means of increasing the religious influences for our children; and spend much more time in their Christian instruction. So through the media of week-day religious instruction and an extensive choral work we are committed to the bringing of our children into the most vital relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Above all else this dream was a call to a people to make more available to humanity the Redemptive Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our one purpose in a final statement is to so exalt the Saviour, Jesus Christ, that all who come under our influence will feel drawn to make the decision that means vital Christian discipleship. We recognize that there are dangers in such an undertaking; but we are determined to resist every factor that would deter us; and in the spirit of Christian courage attempt greater things for our God than we had hitherto undertaken.

*"He whom a dream hath possessed treads the impalpable
marches.*

*From the dust of the day's long road he leaps to a laughing
star,*

*And the ruin of worlds that fall he views from eternal arches,
And rides God's battlefield in a flashing and golden car."*

The History

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THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH

The Myers Park Baptist Church

A CHURCH begins in the heart of God. But that church must take form in the hearts of men and women dedicated to following His will. Such is the beginning of the Myers Park Baptist Church in the lovely residential area of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Myers Park section had been developing for several years. The Methodists and Presbyterians established strong churches and built beautiful edifices. Baptists in this section maintained their loyalty to their mother churches in other sections of the city. They held membership in three churches in particular: Pritchard Memorial Church in Dilworth, First Baptist Church in the heart of the business district, and St. John's Baptist Church in the Elizabeth section. Each of these churches in recent years had carried on extensive building programs. The members living in the Myers Park section aided their mother churches in these enlargements. Through their support and leadership the churches were able to pay off all building indebtedness. By mutual interest in wanting a strong Baptist church in Myers Park, the members living in this part of Charlotte discussed such a possibility. The entire group was enthusiastic and of one mind and accord.

The dream of the Myers Park Church becoming an actuality was brought closer to reality on Sunday afternoon, November 1, 1942, when ten Baptist laymen met at the Y. M. C. A. to discuss the need of a church in the Myers Park section of Charlotte. This group was composed of Guy Carswell, Dr. William Marvin Scruggs, H. B. Benoit, J. R. Bryant, Frank Dowd, Jr., Lex Marsh, R. S. Dickson, W. C. Dowd, Fred Helms, John R. Knott. Mr. M. A. Huggins, Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was present at the above meeting by invitation to answer questions relative to the necessary steps involved in the organization of a church if such a project were undertaken. It was the unanimous opinion of this group of interested laymen that not only was there a great field for the proposed church, but that the need was most acute.

A resolution was drawn up stating the intentions of the group to form a new church. The following resolution so drafted was presented to the Boards of Deacons of each of the three mother churches, and after their approval it was presented to the Executive Committee of the Mecklenburg Association which heartily gave its approval.

WHEREAS, there is no Missionary Baptist Church in that portion of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County known as the Myers Park-Providence Road-Eastover-Selwyn Avenue-Park Road and Sharon section, in which a large number of Baptists reside and a Missionary Baptist Church is badly needed; and

WHEREAS, the cause of the Baptist Denomination and the work of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour would be best served and immeasurably strengthened and advanced by the establishment of a Missionary Baptist Church in this area; and

WHEREAS, this opinion and conclusion have been reached as the result of deliberate consideration by and the earnest prayers of a great many interested persons:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That We, the undersigned interested persons, desiring that this church may be organized out of the love of God and with the support and blessing of the other Baptist churches of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, request that appropriate resolutions, giving this movement their approval, be adopted by the Boards of Deacons of other Baptist churches in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and particularly by the Boards of Deacons of the Baptist churches nearest the area or section of the City and County herein referred to.

Dr. W. M. Scruggs was elected permanent chairman, Mr. Frank Dowd, Jr., vice-chairman, and Mr. John R. Knott, secretary. Dr. Hunter Blakely, President of Queens College, very graciously agreed to allow the new church, when organized, to use the facilities of the College for congregational meetings until such time as a permanent place of worship could be secured. A survey committee consisting of Mr. James R. Bryant and Mr. John R. Knott was chosen, and at a later meeting of this committee it was decided to conduct a community wide survey on December 13, 1942.

Sunday, December 6, 1942, an open meeting was held in the auditorium of Queens College. To this meeting all Baptists interested in the organization of the new church were invited. The large audience gave its unanimous endorsement to the movement. Dr. I. G. Greer, newly elected President of the Baptist State Con-

vention and Superintendent of Mills Home, Thomasville, was the speaker of the afternoon. He brought a most inspiring message, challenging all present to give their best efforts to build what he foresaw as one of the strongest and greatest churches of the South. On Sunday, December 20, 1942, a temporary organization meeting was held at Queens College Chapel. At this meeting a permanent organizing committee consisting of the following men was elected: J. H. Bridges, Chairman, J. E. Burnside, Vice-Chairman, and John R. Knott, Secretary. Mr. Frank Dowd, Jr., Mr. Fred B. Helms, and Dr. W. M. Scruggs were chosen as temporary trustees. Other members of the committee were: Mrs. W. F. Medearis, Mrs. H. M. Short, Guy T. Carswell, and James R. Bryant. At this meeting Dr. Zeno Wall, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, N. C., brought a very helpful message and one of encouragement in the new venture. Following Dr. Wall's address it was announced that the Scroll, which would become the Charter Roll, was ready for signatures. At this time 154 names were signed, and it was agreed that the roll should be kept open for a year for such charter memberships, and that men in the service should have the privilege of becoming charter members of the church for six months after their return to their homes.

The formal organization of the church was effected January 17, 1943 in the main auditorium of Queens College. At this time the following resolution regarding the covenant and confession of faith of the new church was adopted:

WHEREAS, it appears to us that there is a real need for a Missionary Baptist Church in that portion of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County known as the Myers Park, Providence Road, Eastover, Park Road and Sharon Road sections, in which a large number of Baptists reside, and in which there is no Missionary Baptist Church, and

WHEREAS, after much prayer and seeking of divine guidance, we have consulted with our neighboring brethren and churches, and with the Moderator and the Executive Committee of the Mecklenburg Baptist Association, and they have given their unanimous approval and unreserved blessings to the establishment of a Missionary Baptist Church in this locality, and

WHEREAS, the pastors, the board of deacons, and the members of the Missionary Baptist Churches in the City of Charlotte have been invited and requested to meet with, and many of them have met and are with us at this time, and place and on this occasion, to join with and assist us in organizing a Missionary Baptist Church in this section:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that guided, as we believe, by the Holy Spirit, and relying upon the blessings of God, we do, here and now, by this act, constitute ourselves a Missionary Baptist Church of, in the name of, and in the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to perform His service, and to be governed by His will as revealed in the New Testament and by the Holy Spirit, and to this end we do hereby adopt and agree to the following covenant, articles of faith, and rules of order:

THE COVENANT

(a) "As we trust we have been brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the influence of His Spirit to give ourselves up to Him, so we do now solemnly covenant with each other that, God enabling us, we will walk together in brotherly love; that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, as the case shall require; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer, both for ourselves and for others; that we will participate in each other's joys, and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows; that we will earnestly endeavor to bring up such as may be under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that we will seek divine aid to enable us to walk circumspectly and watchfully in the world, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust; that we will strive together, in so far as God prospers us, for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among ourselves and for the spread of the gospel unto the ends of the earth; that we will endeavor by example and effort to win souls to Christ, and that through life, amidst evil report and good report, we will seek to live to the glory of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light."

(b) The New Hampshire Confession of Faith as revised, adopted and recognized by the Southern Baptist Convention."

Among those taking part in this organization program were Dr. Luther Little, Pastor of the First Baptist Church; Dr. W. H. Williams, Pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church; Dr. C. W. Durden, Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church; the Rev. Mr. W. A. Stephenson, Pastor of Durham Memorial Baptist Church; and Dr. L. R. Pruette, former Pastor of the Ninth Avenue Baptist Church. These ministers brought greetings of goodwill from the Baptists of Charlotte, the Mecklenburg Association, and the North Carolina Baptist Convention. Cards asking for suggestions for the name of the new church had been mailed to all signers of the Scroll. Seventy per cent of the replies were in favor of the Myers Park Baptist Church, so this name was unanimously adopted by the congregation.

Dr. W. M. Scruggs was elected Moderator of the new church and presided at this meeting. The following executive committee was elected:

Dr. W. M. Scruggs—Chairman of Committee and Moderator

Geo. H. Ledbetter—Church Clerk

F. Dwight Stephens—Treasurer

W. Frank Dowd, Jr.—Chairman of Finance Committee

James R. Bryant—Chairman Sunday School Committee

J. E. Burnside—Chairman Pulpit Supply Committee

Fred B. Helms, Chairman Property Committee

Other officers and committees elected were:

Henry B. Benoit, Assistant Church Clerk

J. Herbert Bridges, General Supt. of Sunday School

John R. Knott, Associate Supt. of Sunday School

C. D. Spangler, Secretary

D. A. Matthews, Treasurer

Guy T. Carswell, Supt. Adult, Young People and Intermediate Departments.

Mrs. H. M. Short, Supt. Primary, Beginners and Cradle Roll Departments.

Frank Dowd, Jr., Chairman of Committee on Reception and Ushers.

R. T. McManeus, Co-chairman of Committee on Reception and Ushers.

Finance Committee

Frank Dowd, Jr., Chairman

R. S. Dickson

P. H. Efird

F. D. Stephens

Dr. W. M. Scruggs

Music Committee

Mrs. Frank Dowd, Jr., Chairman

James R. Bryant, Co-chairman

Mrs. J. B. Efird

Mr. C. W. Upchurch

Sunday School Committee

James R. Bryant, Chairman

G. T. Carswell

R. S. Dickson

H. P. Swinson

Mrs. H. M. Short

Property Committee

Fred B. Helms, Chairman

Dr. Ralph F. Jarrett

Roy L. Smart

E. J. Webb

Pulpit Supply Committee

J. E. Burnside, Chairman

Dr. T. W. Baker

Jas. R. Bryant

Membership Committee

Mrs. J. R. Bryant, Chairman

Mrs. Guy T. Carswell

Mrs. John R. Knott

Mrs. W. F. Medearis

Mrs. W. M. Scruggs

Mrs. H. M. Short

By February 28, 1943 the church organization was as follows: Church Clerk, George H. Ledbetter; Treasurer, F. D. Stephens; Church Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Northington. The Sunday School organization remained the same. The following committees:

Executive Committee

Dr. W. M. Scruggs, Chairman
John R. Knott, Vice-Chairman
James R. Bryant
J. E. Burnside
Frank Dowd, Jr.
Fred B. Helms
Geo. H. Ledbetter
F. D. Stephens
Lex Marsh, Jr.
J. Herbert Bridges
H. B. Benoit
Dr. Ralph F. Jarrett
Guy T. Carswell
R. S. Dickson
C. W. Upchurch

Finance Committee

W. Frank Dowd, Jr., Chairman
R. S. Dickson
P. H. Efird
Lex Marsh, Jr.
Dr. W. M. Scruggs
F. D. Stephens

Woman's Missionary Society

Mrs. Guy T. Carswell, President
Mrs. Roy Smart, 1st V.-President
Mrs. E. Rowell Holt, 2nd V.-Pres.
Mrs. Vance Howard, 3rd V.-Pres.
Mrs. R. T. McManeus, Secretary
Mrs. D. A. Matthews, Asst. Sec.
Mrs. H. V. Lang, Treasurer

On February 7, 1943 the Sunday School began to function under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Bridges as Superintendent, and the opening attendance was 257. Classrooms for adults in the Sunday School were secured in the Science Building of Queens College, and those for the younger pupils were prepared in the building on the Efird Lot across the street from the college, which was to come to be known as the Fellowship House. Regular services of worship followed the inauguration of the Sunday School, and the spirit of the new church can be no better indicated than to quote from the cover of the church calendar of this date:

"A Prayer for the Church: O God, we pray for Thy church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, and face to face with a great new task. We remember with love the nurture she gave to our spiritual life in its infancy, the tasks she set for our growing strength, the influence of the devoted hearts she gathers, the steadfast power for good she has exerted. When we compare her with other human institutions, we rejoice, for there is none like her. Oh, baptize her afresh in the life-giving Spirit of Jesus! Make her valiant to give up her life for humanity that she may mount by the path of the Cross to a higher glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. preached the sermon and conducted Vesper service on this Sunday. The first budget of the church was adopted in the sum of \$40,000 and was immediately oversubscribed with pledges coming from every member of the church.

The Pulpit Supply Committee with Mr. J. E. Burnside as chairman procured the services of outstanding ministers of the denomination for the six months which followed. The congregation was favored with the ministry of the following: Dr. C. Sylvester Green, President of Coker College; Dr. Hunter Blakely, President of Queens College; Dr. O. T. Binkley, Wake Forest College; Dr. Carter Helm Jones, retired minister of Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. Louis Gaines, First Baptist Church, Lexington, N. C.; Dr. Ralph Herring, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dr. I. G. Greer, Mills Home, Thomasville, N. C.; Dr. Sankey Lee Blanton, First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C.; Dr. Adiel Jarrett Moncrief, Walmer Road Baptist Church, Toronto, Canada; Dr. Claude U. Broach, Asso. Sec., Baptist Student Union, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. James M. Shelbourne, Danville, Va.; Dr. R. C. Granberry, President Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C.; Dr. W. M. Vines, First Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.; Dr. S. L. Stealey, Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. George D. Heaton, First Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. W. Hershel Ford, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. L. Spurgeon Clark, Mt. Holly, N. C.; Chaplain U. S. Atwell, Morris Field.

At the Easter service on April 25, 1943, every heart was uplifted by the ministry of beauty as expressed through the decoration of the auditorium by Mrs. J. B. Efird. At this service the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was first observed by the new church. Dr. C. Sylvester Green gave the communion message.

None of the activities of a regularly functioning church were omitted during these months. Although no pastor as yet had been secured, there were new members being added to the church week after week, and all these joined the congregation in making pledges to the support of the work. The Woman's Missionary Society was organized with Mrs. G. T. Carswell as President, and the other officers listed on page 16. By the zeal of the women five circles were organized for the women, and auxiliaries for the children. Before the end of the first year this society of women had already broken ground for new expressions and activities in the field of

Missions, and was planning for its first church wide school of missions to be held in April of 1944. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks, June 7th through June 18th, with Mrs. H. M. Short as principal. The women of the church served as faculty members and the school was successfully terminated with appropriate commencement exercises on June 18th. The enrollment of the school was 60. In addition to all this work going on within the church the women were meeting their appointments to sew one day each month at Memorial Hospital and one day a month at the Red Cross. There were social activities for the whole church during the summer months, when the church family gathered on the Efird lot for picnics which bound the church more closely together.

On Sunday, February 28, 1943, the following members were unanimously elected by the congregation as a Pulpit Committee to investigate, select and recommend a pastor to the church:

Fred B. Helms, Chairman	Mrs. E. Rowell Holt
J. E. Burnside, V.-Chairman	Mrs. Roy Smart
John R. Knott, Secretary	R. T. McManeus
J. H. Bridges	Dr. Ralph F. Jarrett
Jas. R. Bryant	Mrs. W. F. Dowd, Jr.
R. S. Dickson	John L. Stickley
G. T. Carswell	C. W. Upchurch
W. S. Hough	Mrs. J. B. Efird
Dr. W. M. Scruggs	J. R. Overton
H. P. Swinson	L. A. Bell
Dr. T. W. Baker	T. J. Norman, Jr.
J. W. Wood	S. Casper Chandler
Miss Ursula Blankenship	

This committee held its first meeting on March 3, 1943, in an atmosphere of prayer and unity of purpose, to seek and to find, under Divine guidance, a pastor who would combine the attributes of deep spirituality, keen intelligence, thorough education, training and experience, ambition to do greater things for God and for his fellow man, a willingness and a desire to develop and use new and pioneering methods in the application of the unchanging and eternal gospel of the Christ to the needs of a rapidly changing world, with the capacity and age to grow and develop with the church in an ever-expanding and progressive program for the more effective work of the church, and with well-balanced, liberal religious views. The committee, and a sub-committee of five of its members, carried on

extensive correspondence, and held almost innumerable conferences with ministers, lay and religious educational leaders throughout the greater portion of the United States. Its members visited many churches and thoroughly investigated a large number of the outstanding ministers in several states. The committee, through its unity of thought and purpose, was led inescapably and unerringly to one unanimous, enthusiastic choice. Only one vote was taken by the committee. The result of the work of the committee and its one vote is best expressed by the following excerpt from its report, which was adopted unanimously and enthusiastically by the congregation, in an atmosphere of prayer and deep spiritual consciousness, at the congregational meeting on Sunday morning, August 1, 1943:

"Your Pulpit Committee, after exhaustive, thorough and prayerful investigation over a period of several months, and extending into several states, including a great many trips, long distance telephone calls, correspondence and personal conferences, with leading Baptist ministers and laymen, and including, we firmly believe, the unerring guidance of Divine Providence, unanimously and enthusiastically reports to you:

"That Dr. George D. Heaton, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, a young man 34 years of age, who has been a rich blessing in His ministry, possesses in a marvelous degree all of the qualifications and experiences required to eminently qualify him as the ideal minister for and leader of a great church—our church—the Lord's church,

and unanimously and enthusiastically recommends to you:

"1. That Dr. George D. Heaton be extended our unanimous call as minister and pastor of the Myers Park Baptist Church."

Thus there began another glorious new chapter in the life of our church.

In the few months of his pastorate to date, Dr. Heaton has in every respect more than measured up to the opinion and expectations of the congregation, and under his leadership our congregation and our church have in this short time moved on in an even greater way than our people had dreamed in their enthusiasm.

The organization of our church, under war-time handicaps, was inspired, influenced and brought about in large measure by the recognition of the need for, and a desire for, the better education, training and experience of our children and young people in the Christian religion and leadership. This regard for the best interests of the young people in the church from the outset has been one of the predominant motives in our church. The executive Committee thoroughly and exhaustively canvassed the field of re-

ligious education in its desire to procure the finest and best possible Christian leadership in the lives and religious education of our young people. The Executive committee had one choice, and took only one vote, which was enthusiastic and unanimous, and is fittingly expressed in the following report of the committee which was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the congregation at the Sunday morning service on the fifth day of September, 1943:

"Your Executive Committee, having in mind at all times the wishes and intentions of our people for the procurement of the finest and best possible Christian leadership in the lives and religious education of our young people, acting upon the resolution adopted by the congregation, and proceeding, as we believe, under Divine guidance, has reached the conclusion and decision that the Rev. Mr. Paul E. Crandall, who for the past seven years, as associate minister of the great First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, has been and is one of the outstanding ministers of religious education in the Southern Baptist Convention, and in the entire United States, is admirably qualified in every way as minister of religious education and young people's work in our church, and your Committee is, therefore, happy to report, and unanimously recommends to you:

"1. That Rev. Paul E. Crandall, of Richmond, Virginia, be extended our unanimous call as Minister of Religious Education and Young People's Work."

The results of the work of Mr. Crandall during the first year more than measured up to the confidence and expectations of our people in the transformation of the work among and in the lives of our young people.

The members of our church, from the outset, desired the best in church music. Our people were of one mind in the opinion that the value, possibilities and joys of the ministry of music in church and religious life had been generally underestimated or overlooked, and that in our church we would strive at all times to integrate the services of the Pastor, the Minister of Religious Education, and the Minister of Music in an effort to develop to the fullest a well-balanced, progressive and expanding program for our church and for the lives of our people. The church, therefore, sought, as in its other ministers, the very best in its ministry of music. Again, it had only one choice, and extended its unanimous call to Mrs. Michael E. Berman, of Trenton, N. J. a graduate of Westminster Choir School of Music, Princeton, New Jersey, as Minister of Music. Her acceptance and her work during the first year have more than confirmed the views of the church, and have overjoyed its members.

The First Board of Deacons



Reading from left to right: First row—R. T. McManeus, Lloyd C. Withers, Jr., Dr. W. M. Scruggs, John R. Knott, W. Frank Dowd, Jr., H. M. Short. Second row—Guy T. Carswell, C. W. Upchurch, R. S. Dickson, Lex Marsh, Jr., Fred B. Helms, J. H. Bridges. Third row—H. B. Benoit, T. J. Norman, Jr., G. H. Ledbetter, H. P. Swinson, H. V. Lang, F. D. Stephens, J. R. Bryant, J. E. Burnside. Fourth row—Dr. Ralph F. Jarrett.

On Sunday, September 12, 1943, the church elected as its first Board of Deacons the following: H. B. Benoit, J. H. Bridges, Guy T. Carswell, W. Frank Dowd, Jr., Dr. Ralph F. Jarrett, John R. Knott, Dr. W. M. Scruggs, J. R. Bryant, J. E. Burnside, R. S. Dickson, Fred B. Helms, R. T. McManeus, F. D. Stephens, C. W. Upchurch, H. V. Lang, G. H. Ledbetter, Lex Marsh, Jr., T. J. Norman, Jr., H. M. Short, H. P. Swinson, Lloyd C. Withers, Jr. At the first meeting of this group, Dr. W. M. Scruggs was elected chairman, and all the Deacons were consecrated to their task at a special Vesper Service on Sunday, September 26, 1943.

On Sunday, September 19, 1943, Dr. Heaton began his ministry to the church, using as the theme of his first sermon: "He Whom A Dream Hath Possessed." And the church welcomed its first Pastor with this pledge: "To you, our Pastor, as the undershepherd of our Great Shepherd, we solemnly make the pledge that whither thou goest we will go; where thou lodgest we will lodge; whither thou leadest we will follow; thy work shall be our work; thy trials shall be our trials; thy sorrows shall be our sorrows; thy joys shall be our joys; and thy God shall be our God." At the close of the service, among those who united with the church, Dr. and Mrs. Heaton, and George D. Heaton, III, were received joyfully into the church.

On Sunday, September 26, 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Berman were received into our church. Mrs. Berman came to take up the work of Minister of Music in a church which was enthusiastic about the proposed emphasis which she had laid down in her discussions with the committee. On Sunday, October 17th, 1943, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Crandall were received into the church, thus completing the staff of ministers, for Mr. Crandall had come to work out the educational program of the new church as well as serve as co-minister with Dr. Heaton. The ideal expressed in this relationship was stated in the calendar of this date: "The work of Mrs. Berman, Mr. Crandall, and Dr. Heaton will be so integrated that every expression of the church will be effected by their united ministry."

One of the most stirring experiences of this first year was on Sunday, October 31, 1943 when Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Efird made the presentation to the church of the beautiful lot on Selwyn Avenue, across from Queens College. The following is taken from the Calendar cover of Sunday, November 7, 1943: "Sunday, October 31, 1943 will be an unforgettable date in the history of our church. We acknowledge again with deep gratitude the gracious gift by the Efird Family of the beautiful site upon which we will build our church." The gift had been presented with these words: "Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Efird, with the co-operation of Mr. Efird's brothers, Paul H. of Charlotte, Ed L. of Winston-Salem, and Jasper W. of Charlotte and New York, make possible the acquisition of the J. B. Efird old home site including the Fellowship House as a memorial to their Father and Mother." The generous spirit of the gift was beautifully expressed in the dedication statement prepared by Mrs. J. B. Efird and read by Dr. Heaton on the morning of presentation:

MY GARDEN

I have called it my Flanders Field because each spring as the poppies bloom I think of the soldiers who once enjoyed the hospitality of our home that burned, many of whom now rest in France. As the flowers have bloomed through our buried treasures and brought cheer and happiness to many each spring through these years, I have often wondered what might be the destiny of my garden. Today the leaves are falling from the trees upon this garden, and as I think of the boys who are falling today upon the battlefields of the world, I wish to dedicate my Flanders Field to the principles of freedom for which they struggle. This dedication is made in the hope that those who return to us will find that we have erected a church which will be for them a place of beauty, peace, and Christian fellowship.

On Thanksgiving morning at eight o'clock, November 25, 1943, a service of Thanksgiving and Dedication was held on the site which had been presented to the church by the Efird Family. The following Resolution was adopted at that time.

Resolution

WHEREAS, out of love for their parents, out of the treasure of their hearts, and out of the depth of their devotion to the Master, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Efird, Mr. Paul H. Efird, Mr. Ed. L. Efird and Mr. Jasper W. Efird have presented to the Myers Park Baptist Church the beautiful old Efird homesite, consisting of approximately three and one-half acres, at 1900 Queens Road, as the site for the church home:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the members of the congregation of the Myers Park Baptist Church accept this generous and magnificent gift in the spirit of the givers, and in the spirit of the Master, to Whom it is given, and as an invitation and an inspiration to the re-dedication of ourselves and our substances to the promotion and progress of the Cause of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour in and through our lives and our church; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that through our lives, reconsecrated and re-inspired by the devotion and gift of these our brethren, we both here and hereafter express our deep and abiding gratitude to these our friends and brethren; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that appropriate and permanent recognition of this generous gift to our church and to the memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. Efird, the parents of the donors, be given and perpetually maintained by the congregation of the Myers Park Baptist Church; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of these resolutions be inscribed upon the permanent records of our church; that a copy be sent to each of the donors; and that a copy be given to the press.

DR. WM. MARVIN SCRUGGS,
W. FRANK DOWD,
J. HERBERT BRIDGES,
FRED B. HELMS,

Committee.

Mrs. Berman during these weeks had been organizing the choirs of the church, beginning on September 30th with a Junior High School Girls Choir. Then on October 12th a Junior Choir was organized, and on October 14th, with the inauguration of Family

Night, our Junior High School Girls Choir sang for the first time for our people. On October 24th a group of Young People meeting under the name of the Fireside Chatters were organized into the third Choir of the church. On November 2, a Cherubs choir was organized for the children between the ages of 4 and 7, and on the preceding Sunday, October 31, the Junior High School Girls Choir sang for our morning worship; the first choir to do so for the church. On Monday, November 8th, the Adult Choir was launched with a ten night course of study and rehearsal. The goal was set for 45, but the enrollment reached 60 at once, and on Sunday, November 21, 1943 this choir sang a Choral Vesper Service to a church that was thrilled by this achievement. The number of people in the choirs of the church were now 160, and the new music program of the church was successfully on its way. The climax in the ministry of music came on Sunday, December 19, 1943 when all five choirs of the church presented a choral program of Christmas music to an auditorium crowded with members of our church and friends in the community.

Under Mr. Crandall's leadership the work of Christian education has been vastly expanded. From the initial work the enrollment has grown to 389, and with the organization of the Intermediate Department in October we had a fully Departmentalized School, with twice the number of classes with which we began our work. Under the leadership of Mr. J. Herbert Bridges, Church School Superintendent, and the officers and teachers, the financial support of denominational projects has been successfully undertaken. The Mother's Day Offering to the Baptist Hospital was \$66.00, and the offering on Thanksgiving to the Orphanage was so large that our total gifts to this work during the year were \$1613.00.

Several general officers were added to the staff of the school so that we would have a definite pattern of work established by the time that we enter our new educational building. Sixty-three women have been enrolled in a Tuesday morning Bible Class which is

taught by Mr. Crandall. Exploiting the field of Visual education the church has purchased a projector and is building up a library of film strip and slides which have become invaluable aids in the teaching work. Part of the work in visual education has been the showing of religious motion pictures which have become an established feature of our work.

During the first year the average attendance was 217 and the total contributions were \$3,145.31. With the beginning of 1944 an extensive program of teacher training was undertaken under the direction of Mr. John Knott, the Associate Superintendent in charge of this emphasis. Dr. J. M. Godard was the first teacher in a series that began on January 21, 1944, and his course of study "Looking at Learning" went for a period of six weeks. Other courses to follow this one have already been set up.

The Sunday afternoon Fellowship grew from one group known as the Fireside Chatters to three groups consisting of Juniors, Intermediates and Young People, with an attendance of over 60. Plans have been made for expanding the groups being reached at this hour, so successful has the work been.

Beginning February 29th the ministers of the church will conduct classes for the Juniors and Intermediates of the church in an effort to acquaint this age group with the meaning of the Christian decision and church membership. From this beginning it is anticipated that there will be other classes in week day religious training

One of the most enthusiastic groups in the church is the large crowd that gathers for Family Night on each Thursday evening. This variation of the usual prayer service has drawn more than 150 of our people each week, coming for supper and then participating in a period of fellowship, prayer and study. A committee, consisting of Mrs. H. B. Benoit, Mrs. Peter Loftis, Mrs. James R. Bryant, Mrs. Bess Durham Scott, Mrs. C. W. Upchurch, and Mrs. Paul P. McGarity has made possible the serving of the meals which were so essential to the success of this venture.

Sunday, December 26, 1943 carried the following announcement in the calendar: "It was no small achievement when Mr. Frank Dowd, Jr., the chairman of our Finance Committee, reported last Sunday morning that in our membership of 465 persons there had been received 465 pledges to our 1944 budget of \$45,000, in the amount of \$50,260.00. With such a spirit of unity our work for the New Year will hold unspeakable joys of whole-hearted service to Christ and His Kingdom. The path toward the building of a great church is clearly before us. To know that all of us are walking it together assures our church of significant days ahead.

One of the most important meetings in the church was a supper for the men, held on December 13, 1943. It was evident from the start that there was a rising spirit of devotion to the church which must break forth in some expression of gifts to the work. As the men linked their joy in the church with the prospect of what had to be done, man after man came forward to make his gift to the building of the new church. When the evening was finished there had been gifts and pledges that totalled in value more than \$50,000.

It was announced on the anniversary Sunday of the church, January 16, 1944 that at this meeting of men in December, Dr. William Marvin Scruggs and his son, William Marvin Scruggs, Jr., had presented to the new church a memorial organ in memory of Dr. Scruggs' wife, Mrs. Helen Briggs Scruggs, who had been a devoted member of this church during its organization, and whose untimely death in March, 1943, deprived the church of one of its most influential members.

In all the growth of the church, the magnificent work of Mrs. J. M. Northington, our church secretary, makes us her debtor. Faithful in the execution of those multiplying tasks attendant upon the development of a church life, Mrs. Northington has been indispensable to our work. As a member of the staff of the new church her advice and counsel have been invaluable, and we cannot think of this first year without acknowledging our indebtedness to her.

So the church came to the end of the first year. There were now 485 members, a growth of 217 since that organization day of January 17, 1943, when there were 268 members. The Myers Park Baptist Church had truly made great strides toward the realization of the dreams of those who had begun this work in the faith that this was the Will of God: there should be a great Baptist Church in Myers Park of Charlotte, N. C.



PAUL E. CRANDALL, TH.M.
Co-minister

Mr. Crandall came to us from the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia where for the past seven years he had been Associate Pastor. His work in our educational program has not only given us a sense of direction, but also has brought the realization of our dreams for a superior type of Christian education.

AN INTERPRETATION OF OBJECTIVES IN

Christian Education

EDUCATION is the totality of life. This is particularly true of Christian Education. Teaching religious education is one of the fine arts. Again, this is particularly true of the teaching of Christian education. Christian education lends itself in an unusual way to many creative possibilities, for here the "artist-teacher," has a finer, more enduring and more dynamic work to do than any of the other creative artists. We are, therefore, committed to so interpret our emphasis of Christian Education that those who teach will develop the skills of an artist. Such an attempt does not lend itself to static categorical rules, but based on fundamental principles, it utilizes the initiative and individuality of the teacher as it seeks to make expressive the highest possible creativeness.

The student is visualized in the terms of a life to be developed. The basic attitude shall be one of seeking to discover the inherent possibilities in his life and to guide and strengthen them until the matter of Christian thinking and acting become natural instead of by forced will. To achieve the outcomes desired in such an interpretation of objectives in the whole field of Christian education, we will employ every possible aid in the realm of educational procedure, sacred or secular, to make vivid and understandable the principles of Christian living we seek to produce. Through all available means we shall then meet wisely and well the issues and situations of life in the day in which we are living, and thus equip for victorious living those who teach and those who are taught.



MRS. ALICE HULBERT BERMAN, B.M.

Minister of Music

Mrs. Berman came to us from the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, New Jersey where she served as Minister of Music for ten years. In creating the choirs of our church so quickly, in training our children in good church music, and in enriching the services of worship she has won the admiration of all.

The Ministry of Music

THE PSALMIST has commanded, "Let the People praise Thee, O God, Let all the People praise Thee."

The music of our church is to be a great step toward the carrying out of this command. The plans for our ministry of music may honestly be referred to as "a program of the members of the congregation, *for* the members of the congregation, *by* the members of the congregation."

We will interest our children, our young people, and our adults in a closer working relationship with their church through the music.

Great experiences in worship are to be found through music and no instrument has been given greater beauty than the human voice. The lives of both the singers and the listeners are enriched if we are willing to work for sincerity of purpose and consecration of spirit.

Music is the soul's own speech. It holds within its sway heights and depths that no tongue can explain. We will use this thing of beauty, this great power, carefully and wisely and build it strongly into the corner stone and foundations of our church.

The Woman's Missionary Society

Mrs. Guy T. Carswell, President
Mrs. Roy Smart, First Vice-President
Mrs. E. Rowell Holt, Second Vice-President
Mrs. W. Vance Howard, Third Vice-President
Mrs. R. T. McManeus, Recording Secretary
Mrs. D. A. Matthews, Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. H. V. Lang, Treasurer

Circle Leaders:

No. 1—Mrs. J. M. Scarborough
No. 2—Mrs. J. E. Burnside
No. 3—Mrs. W. D. Briggs
No. 4—Mrs. H. P. Swinson
No. 5—Mrs. Lowell Mason
Business Women—Mrs. Carl Biggers

The Woman's Missionary Society of the church has a vital part to play in the realization of the dream which brought us together. We conceive our task to be much more than reaching the women and children of the church through the ordinary channels of missionary activity. We propose to do all this; and more. Our task is to keep alive the missionary spirit of the church during the years of actual construction, so that we shall naturally move on to greater tasks when our building program is finished. Our task is to so penetrate the thinking of our people that it will be natural for our youth to hear the call of Christ to a commitment of life in His service. Our task is to so teach through church wide emphasis that every man, woman, and child will be a world-minded Christian, aware of all that is involved in a discipleship of Him who has sent us to the uttermost parts of the earth. Our present program, and our plans for the future are designed to bring these things to pass.

Committees of the Church

Finance Committee

Frank Dowd, Jr., Chairman	J. H. Bridges	E. T. Martin
Paul H. Efird	C. K. Callaham	D. A. Matthews
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Chas. T. Brown	Dr. Ralph H. Jarrett	E. J. Webb
R. H. Bennett	H. V. Lang	J. W. Wood
L. A. Bell	V. P. Loftis	Troy Whitehead
Dr. Thos. W. Baker	R. T. McManeus	J. L. Spivey

Worship Committee

R. T. McManeus, Chairman

USHERS—RECEPTION:

Mr. A. L. Faul, Chr.
Mr. W. Frank Dowd
Mr. H. M. Short
Mr. Starr Shelley
Mr. R. J. Overton, Jr.
Mr. J. W. Wood
PULPIT SUPPLY:
Mr. J. E. Burnside, Chr.
Mr. J. L. Stickley
Mr. R. A. Small
Mr. E. B. Gentry

COMMUNION:

Mrs. W. Frank Dowd, Chr.
Mr. John R. Knott
Mrs. John R. Knott
Mr. P. H. Efird
Mrs. P. H. Efird
FLOWERS:
Mrs. J. B. Efird, Chr.
Mrs. B. F. Withers, Sr.
Mrs. H. B. Benoit

BAPTISM:

Mr. Jas. R. Bryant, Chr.
Mrs. Jas. R. Bryant
Mrs. S. J. Taylor
Mrs. P. S. Vann
Mrs. Rufus M. Person, Jr.
Mrs. L. O. Herring
Mr. R. M. Argo
Mr. C. C. Dickson
Mr. J. B. Huntington, Jr.

Membership Committee

Mr. H. B. Benoit, Chairman

Mrs. J. R. Bryant, V.-Chairman

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Mr. J. L. Lawless
Mr. C. O. Kuester
Mr. Frank E. Woods

USHER:

Mr. S. Casper Chandler

SUB COMMITTEES:

Mr. C. W. Upchurch, Soldiers
Mr. H. P. Swinson, Students
Mr. G. H. Ledbetter, Out-of-town members

CHORAL:

Mrs. R. M. Argo

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY

UNION:

Mrs. R. L. Smart

Men in Service Committee

Mr. C. W. Upchurch, Chairman
Mr. Ira Griffin
Mrs. A. V. Blankenship
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Mr. E. R. Holt
Mr. J. M. Scarborough

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Mr. J. E. Burnside, Chairman
Mr. George A. Biggers
Mrs. E. R. Holt
Mrs. C. T. Brown
Mr. P. S. Vann

Property Committee

Mr. H. M. Short, Chairman
Mr. E. J. Webb
Mr. Roy Parnell

Church School Officers and Teachers

January 15, 1944

General Officers

General Superintendent	J. H. Bridges
Associate Superintendent (Personnel and Training)	John R. Knott
Associate Superintendent (Social)	R. T. McManeuf
Associate Superintendent (Enlisting)	H. B. Benoit
Associate Superintendent (Purchasing)	C. D. Spangler
Secretary	Dr. L. F. Bumgardner
Associate Secretary	I. M. Sawyer
Treasurer	D. A. Matthews

Adult and Young People's Department

Superintendent	Guy T. Carswell
Associate Superintendent	Dr. Ralph Jarrett
Department Secretary	C. C. Dickson
Pianist	Mrs. L. K. Harrison

Classes

Men's	Fred B. Helms
Women's	Mrs. E. B. Gentry
Fellowship	J. E. Burnside
Fellowship	Mrs. A. V. Blankenship
Young People's Class	J. L. Stickley

Teacher

Intermediate Department

Supt., M. N. LeNeave	Secretary, Virginia Swinson
Teachers: Mrs. John Knott, H. C. Raiford, Miss Eugenia Davis, Miss Mary McMillan	

Fellowship House General Officers

Supt., Mrs. H. M. Short	Asso. Supt., Mrs. R. M. Person, Jr.
Sec., Mrs. J. B. Huntington	

Junior Department

Supt., T. J. Norman, Jr.	Secretary, Mrs. Lillie Springer
Pianist, Mrs. Guy Carswell	
Teachers: Mrs. Tom Baker, Mr. Arnold Small, Mr. Michael Berman, Mrs. J. R. Ramey, Miss Pat Lawrence, Mrs. L. H. Weekley	

Primary Department

Supt., Mrs. George Bailey	Pianist, Miss Meredith Bridges
Teachers: Mrs. T. J. Norman, Jr., Miss Margaret Springer	

Beginner Department

Supt., Mrs. A. G. Mackey
Teachers: Miss Helen Bailey, Mrs. L. G. Query

Nursery Department

Supt., Mrs. L. F. Bumgardner
Helpers: Mrs. R. S. Dickson, Mrs. H. B. Ellis, Mrs. Roy Smart, Mrs. Hugh Martin

Our Members in the Service of their Country

This roll is of the date of March 26th, 1944. The charter membership of this church is open to all service personnel who may unite with this church within six months after their return to their homes.

H. B. Benoit, Jr.

William C. Benoit

A. V. Blankenship

Donald Bryant

James R. Bryant, Jr.

John Edward Burnside, Jr.

*S. Casper Chandler, Jr.

James M. Collins

Nancy Moses Conway

Melton H. Dixon

Sidney M. Dowd

Thomas Elliott

L. E. Fleming, M.D.

Jack Gardner

Lacy A. Gaston

J. E. Gravatt, Jr.

Ira Lee Griffin, Jr.

Wm. Aiken Griffin

E. Rowell Holt, Jr.

Sam J. Justice

V. B. Kendrick

W. Straton Klements

Willfred P. Lawless

John E. Lineberger

F. Richard Little, Jr.

Charles B. Long

Robt. T. McManeus, Jr.

Wm. W. Moses

Rufus M. Person, Jr.

Q. M. Rhodes

Charles Safley

Kenneth M. Scott

Wm. Marvin Scruggs, Jr.

Wm. Hall Scarborough

Harold Milton Short, Jr.

Ralph H. Short

Roy Smart, Jr.

M. Hinson Smith

F. Dwight Stephens, Jr.

Chas. W. Upchurch, Jr.

McNeil Upchurch

Robert Lee Weathers

E. J. Webb, Jr.

George H. Webb

George R. Wise

Lloyd Withers

John Wilbert Wood, Jr.

*Honorably discharged.

In Memoriam

The following members began this pilgrimage with us, but along the way entered into the larger service which is in the Presence of our loving Heavenly Father.

Mrs. William Marvin Scruggs

Dr. W. C. Boylston

Mrs. C. K. Callahan

The Charter Roll

This roll is chronologically prepared so that the Sunday on which these Charter Members united might be preserved and made easy for reference. A parchment scroll is in the church office for the signature of all these charter members. The heading of this scroll reads:

We, the undersigned, hereby subscribe our respective names hereto in token of our association in establishing, to the Glory of God, and in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, a missionary Baptist Church in the Myers Park Section of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina to be known as
The Myers Park Baptist Church

On January 17, 1943, at the organization meeting, the following names were read as members of the church:

AHERN, MRS. W. A.
BAILEY, MRS. GEORGE
BAILEY, MISS HELEN
BAKER, DR. THOS. W.
BAKER, MRS. THOS. W.
BARTHOLOMEW, MRS. B. W.
BARTHOLOMEW, BRADLEY
BELL, L. A.
BELL, MRS. L. A.
BELL, ELINOR
BELL, LLOYD, JR.
BENOIT, HENRY B.
BENOIT, MRS. HENRY B.
BENOIT, HENRY B., JR.
BENOIT, WILLIAM C.
BENOIT, MRS. WILLIAM C.
BERRY, LESLIE G.
BERRY, MRS. LESLIE G.
BIGGERS, W. CARL
BIGGERS, MRS. W. CARL
BIGGERS, MISS MARILYN
BIGGERS, MR. G. A.
BLANKENSHIP, A. V.
BLANKENSHIP, MRS. A. V.
BOGGS, W. C.
BOGGS, MRS. W. C.

BOGGS, EDITH
BOGGS, SARAH
BOYLSTON, DR. W. C.
BOYLSTON, MRS. W. C.
BOZEMAN, F. E., JR.
BOZEMAN, MRS. F. E., JR.
BOZEMAN, BETTY JEANNE
BRIDGES, J. H.
BRIDGES, MRS. J. H.
BRIDGES, MEREDITH
BROWN, MR. CHARLES T.
BROWN, MRS. CHARLES T.
BRYANT, JAS. R., SR.
BRYANT, MRS. JAS. R., SR.
BRYANT, JAS. R., JR.
BRYANT, MRS. JAS. R., JR.
BRYANT, DONALD GRANT
BUMGARDNER, DR. L. F.
BUMGARDNER, MRS. L. F.
BURNSIDE, J. E.
BURNSIDE, MRS. J. E.
BURNSIDE, JOHN EDWARD, JR.
BURNSIDE, MARY ALICE
CALLAHAN, MRS. VIRGINIA TAYLOR
CARSWELL, GUY T.
CARSWELL, MRS. GUY T.
CHANDLER, S. CASPER, SR.
CHANDLER, MRS. S. CASPER, SR.
CHANDLER, MISS MARGARET
CLARK, MRS. ALBERT
CLINE, MRS. HERMAN

CONWAY, MRS. NANCY MOSES
 CRISP, M. C., SR.
 CRISP, MRS. M. C., SR.
 CRISP, CLAY, JR.
 DANCY, A. F.
 DANCY, MRS. A. F.
 DICKSON, RUSH S.
 DICKSON, MRS. RUSH S.
 DICKSON, R. STUART, JR.
 DICKSON, ALAN
 DICKSON, MR. C. C.
 DICKSON, MRS. C. C.
 DIXON, JOHN D.
 DIXON, MRS. JOHN D.
 DIXON, MELTON, H.
 DOWD, W. FRANK, JR.
 DOWD, MRS. W. FRANK, JR.
 DOWD, FRANK III
 DOWD, RODDEY
 DOWD, MRS. ROBERT M.
 DOWD, SIDNEY M.
 EDMONDSON, ROYCE
 EDMONDSON, MRS. ROYCE
 EDMONDSON, DOTTIE ANN
 EFIRD, MRS. J. B.
 EFIRD, PAUL H.
 EFIRD, MRS. PAUL H.
 FARABOW, FORD F.
 FARABOW, MRS. FORD F.
 GOANS, S. R.
 GOANS, MRS. S. R.
 GOANS, JACK
 GOLD, PAUL
 GOLD, MRS. PAUL
 GRAVATT, J. E., JR.
 GRAVATT, MRS. J. E., JR.
 GREEN, C. H.
 GREEN, MRS. C. H.
 GUY, J. RAYMOND
 HARDIN, J. R.
 HARDIN, MRS. J. R.
 HARPER, MRS. H. G.
 HARPER, ROBERT
 HARRILL, M. K.
 HARRILL, MRS. M. K.
 HELMS, FRED B.
 HERRING, DR. L. O.
 HERRING, MRS. L. O.

HERRING, MARY ELIZABETH
 HIRSCH, MRS. ELIZABETH PHILBECK
 HOBBS, MRS. ALICE M.
 HOLT, E. ROWELL
 HOLT, MRS. E. ROWELL
 HOLT, E. ROWELL, JR.
 HOLT, MISS MARGARET
 HOUGH, W. S.
 HUNTINGTON, JAS. B., JR.
 HUNTINGTON, MRS. JAS. B., JR.
 JARRETT, DR. RALPH F.
 JARRETT, MRS. RALPH F.
 JARRETT, CHARLES
 JARRETT, NANCY
 JOHNSON, DEWEY H.
 JOHNSON, MRS. DEWEY H.
 JOHNSON, DAVID WELLSMON
 JOHNSON, WILLIAM WOODWARD
 JUSTICE, MRS. J. M.
 JUSTICE, SAM J.
 KENDRICK, VAIDEN B.
 KENDRICK, DR. Z. VANCE, JR.
 KNOTT, JOHN R.
 KNOTT, MRS. JOHN R.
 KNOTT, MARSHA
 KNOTT, BETSY
 KURTZ, EDWIN D.
 KURTZ, MRS. EDWIN D.
 LANG, H. V.
 LANG, MRS. H. V.
 LAWLESS, J. L.
 LAWLESS, MRS. J. L.
 LAWLESS, MARY
 LAWLESS, ANN
 LAWLESS, EMMA
 LAWRENCE, MRS. C. S.
 LAWRENCE, MISS BERTHA
 LAWRENCE, MISS SARAH
 LEDBETTER, G. H.
 LEDBETTER, MRS. G. H.
 LEDBETTER, JOAN
 LEDBETTER, RONNIE
 LEVY, MRS. GRACE L.
 LOFTIS, V. P.
 LOFTIS, MRS. V. P.
 LOFTIS, JOSEPHINE
 LOFTIS, EMILY
 LOVELACE, AUSTIN C.

McCall, Mrs. J. D.
 McCauley, Geo. A.
 McCauley, Mrs. Geo. A.
 McCorkle, Ernest T.
 McCorkle, Mrs. Ernest T.
 McLean, Miss Carrie L.
 McManeus, R. T.
 McManeus, Mrs. R. T.
 McManeus, R. T., Jr.
 Mackey, A. G.
 Mackey, Mrs. A. G.
 Marsh, Lex, Jr.
 Mason, J. P.
 Mason, Mrs. J. P.
 Matthews, David A.
 Matthews, Mrs. David A.
 Matthews, Joanne
 Medearis, Mrs. Helen L.
 Moses, Wm. W.
 Norman, T. J., Jr.
 Norman, Mrs. T. J., Jr.
 Northington, Mrs. J. M.
 Nuckolls, T. J.
 Nuckolls, Mrs. T. J.
 Overton, R. J., Jr.
 Overton, Mrs. R. J., Jr.
 Overton, R. J. III
 Parnell, Roy L.
 Parnell, Mrs. Roy L.
 Person, Rufus M., Jr.
 Person, Mrs. Rufus M., Jr.
 Person, Sally Shannon
 Philbeck, T. F.
 Philbeck, Mrs. T. F.
 Rayburn, Hansel L.
 Reece, Dwight L.
 Reece, Mrs. Dwight L.
 Rimmer, Ralph S.
 Safley, Charles
 Safley, Mrs. Charles
 Sarratt, J. Ralph
 Sarratt, Mrs. J. Ralph
 Sarratt, Joe Ellen
 Sawyer, I. M.
 Sawyer, Mrs. I. M.
 Scarborough, J. M.
 Scarborough, Mrs. J. M.
 Scarborough, Wm. H.

Scarborough, Jane
 Scott, Mrs. Bess Durham
 Scott, Kenneth
 Scott, Miles Durham
 Scruggs, Dr. Wm. Marvin
 Scruggs, Mrs. Wm. Marvin
 Scruggs, Wm. Marvin, Jr.
 Shannon, Mrs. J. F.
 Short, H. M., Sr.
 Short, Mrs. H. M., Sr.
 Short, Ralph H.
 Short, H. Milton, Jr.
 Small, R. A.
 Small, Mrs. R. A.
 Smart, Roy
 Smart, Mrs. Roy
 Smart, Catherine
 Smart, Roy, Jr.
 Smith, Cyril G.
 Smith, Mrs. Cyril G.
 Smith, Mrs. Joe E.
 Spangler, Clemmie Dixon
 Spangler, Mrs. Clemmie Dixon
 Spangler, Clemmie Dixon, Jr.
 Spivey, J. L.
 Spivey, Mrs. J. L.
 Stephens, F. Dwight
 Stephens, Mrs. F. Dwight
 Stephens, Dorothy
 Stephens, Mary A.
 Stephens, Robert C.
 Stephens, Mrs. Robert C.
 Stickley, John L.
 Stickley, Mrs. John L.
 Strickland, Henry L.
 Swinson, H. P.
 Swinson, Mrs. H. P.
 Swinson, Virginia
 Swinson, Elizabeth
 Swinson, Catherine
 Taylor, S. J.
 Taylor, Mrs. S. J.
 Taylor, Elton B.
 Taylor, Mrs. Elton B.
 Upchurch, C. W.
 Upchurch, Mrs. C. W.
 Upchurch, Charles
 Upchurch, McNeill

VANN, PRESTON STEWART
 VANN, MRS. PRESTON STEWART
 WEATHERS, ROBERT LEE
 WEBB, E. J.
 WEBB, MRS. E. J.
 WEBB, G. HOWARD
 WEBB, E. J., JR.
 WEBB, MRS. E. J., JR.
 WHITEHEAD, TROY
 WHITEHEAD, MRS. TROY
 WILSON, DR. P. C.
 WILSON, MRS. P. C.
 WITHERS, MRS. B. F.
 WITHERS, B. F., JR.
 WOOD, J. W.
 WOOD, MRS. J. W.
 WOOD, KATHLEEN
 WOOD, JOHN WILBERT

On February 7, 1943. the first Sunday regular services were held, the following members were received into the church:

ALLEN, R. T.
 ALLEN, THOMAS D.
 ALLEN, MRS. THOMAS D.
 ARGO, R. M.
 ARGO, MRS. R. M.
 AWTRY, JACK H.
 AWTRY, MRS. JACK H.
 BLANKENSHIP, MISS URSULA
 BRANCH, MRS. H. M.
 CALLAHAM, C. K.
 CALLAHAM, MRS. C. K.
 CHEATHAM, C. L.
 CHEATHAM, MRS. C. L.
 CHEATHAM, NANCY LEE
 EDWARDS, MRS. M. A.
 ELLIS, H. B.
 ELLIS, MRS. H. B.
 ELLIS, MISS HELENE DOWNS
 HORTON, H. D.
 HORTON, MRS. H. D.
 HOUSTON, JOHN T.
 HOWARD, W. VANCE
 HOWARD, MRS. W. VANCE
 HOWARD, CAROLYN

HUNTER, MRS. W. MYERS
 HUNTLEY, MISS LOUISE
 KNOWLES, MRS. LUTHER
 LENEAVE, M. N.
 LENEAVE, MRS. M. N.
 LINEBERGER, W. M.
 LINEBERGER, MRS. W. M.
 LINEBERGER, JOHN E.
 MARSH, MRS. LEX. JR.
 MYERS, MRS. JOE H.
 NOLEN, R. E.
 NOLEN, MRS. R. E.
 NORTHINGTON, NANCY
 NORTHINGTON, BETTY PAGE
 RAMEY, MRS. J. R.
 RANKIN, MRS. RUSH
 RAWLINS, MRS. O. J.
 RHODES, Q. M.
 RHODES, MRS. Q. M.
 RUTH, E. M.
 SHELLEY, STARR W.
 SHELLEY, MRS. STARR W.
 SHORT, MRS. H. MILTON, JR.
 SMITH, M. HINSON
 SMITH, MRS. M. HINSON
 THOMPSON, WESLEY C.
 THOMPSON, MRS. WESLEY C.
 THOMPSON, W. C., JR.
 WILSON, MRS. PAUL G.
 WITHERS, MR. LLOYD C., JR.
 WOOTEN, M. FRANK, SR.
 WOOTEN, MRS. M. FRANK, SR.

Members received into church, February 14, 1943:

LONG, CHARLES
 MARTIN, E. T.
 MARTIN, MRS. E. T.
 WISE, MRS. CHAS. W.
 WISE, GEORGE R.
 WISE, MARIAN

Members received into church, Feb. 21, 1943:

HUMPHREY, MISS PEARL
 LIPSCOMB, MRS. W. R., JR.
 MASON, E. L.

MASON, MRS. E. L.
BROWN, PATSY

Members received into church,
Feb. 28, 1943:

BENNETT, R. H.
BENNETT, MRS. R. H.
BROWN, BETSY
BROWN, PEGGY
CORE, V. R.
CORE, MRS. V. R.
CORE, GEORGE
LITTLE, J. B.
LITTLE, MRS. J. B.
MEIGS, RUFUS C.
MEIGS, MRS. RUFUS C.

Members received into church,
March 7, 1943:

WATSON, MISS FLORA MAE
WELCH, W. J.
WELCH, MRS. W. J.
WELCH, JACK, JR.
YARBROUGH, R. E.
YARBROUGH, MRS. R. E.

Members received into church,
March 14, 1943:

MCGARITY, PAUL
MCGARITY, MRS. PAUL

Members received into church,
March 28, 1943:

HOGGARD, E. S., JR.

Received into church, April 11,
1943:

KIRBY, MISS LOUISE
FLEMING, DR. L. E.
LAWLESS, WILLFRED P.

Received into church, April 18,
1943:

GERMAN, MRS. FRANK
GERMAN, MISS MARY G.
GERMAN, MISS BETH

Received into church, April 25,
1943:

CALDWELL, MRS. T. J.
CALDWELL, MISS ELLA FAIR
CALDWELL, THEODORE
CUNNINGHAM, C. L.
CUNNINGHAM, MRS. C. L.
GOWER, MISS MARY NORTON
RAMEY, MARALYNE
STEPHENS, F. DWIGHT, JR.

Received into church, May 2,
1943:

CALLAHAN, S. E.
CALLAHAN, MRS. S. E.
CRUMBLEY, A. T.
CRUMBLEY, MRS. A. T.
CRUMBLEY, JO CLAIRE

Received into church, May 9,
1943:

BRASWELL, BARBARA
GENTRY, E. B.
GENTRY, MRS. E. B.
LAWRENCE, MISS COSETTE
RAIFORD, HERMAN C.
RAIFORD, MRS. HERMAN C.
ROGERS, MRS. N.

Received into church, May 16,
1943:

JARRELL, MRS. W. W.
LITTLE, F. R.
LITTLE, MRS. F. R.
LITTLE, SARA CLAIRE
LITTLE, RICHARD, JR.
LITTLE, BILL
PEGRAM, MRS. WINNIE B.

Received into church, May 23,
1943:

NUCKOLLS, ANN
TOWNSEND, BENJAMIN

Received into the church, May
30, 1943:

EVANS, MISS LOUISE
JOHNSTON, MRS. HALL M.

WINBORNE, S. R.

WINBORNE, MRS. S. R.

Received into church, June 6,
1943:

DICKSON, CECELIA

Received into church, June 20,
1943:

EFIRD, PAUL H., JR.

EFIRD, MRS. PAUL H., JR.

LOFTIS, PETER

WOODS, FRANK E.

WOODS, MRS. FRANK E.

Received into church, June 27,
1943:

KLEMENTS, W. A.

KLEMENTS, MRS. W. A.

KLEMENTS, WALTER STRATON

Received into church, July 4,
1943:

STOKES, W. N.

STOKES, MRS. W. N.

STOKES, MISS RUBIE

STOKES, W. N., JR.

KLEMENTS, DAVID

Received into Church, July 18,
1943:

JOHNSTON, ZEKE

Received into church, August 1,
1943:

BREWER, J. A.

BREWER, MRS. J. A.

GASTON, LACY A.

GASTON, MRS. LACY A.

MACMILLAN, MISS MARY JOHNSON

Received into church, Sept. 19,
1943:

BRIDGES, CONRAD

FAUL, A. L.

FAUL, MRS. A. L.

HEATON, DR. GEORGE D.

HEATON, MRS. GEORGE D.

HEATON, GEORGE III

HERRING, DOROTHY

KNIGHT, H. W.

KNIGHT, MRS. H. W.

KUESTER, CLARENCE O.

LAKE, MRS. MAYMIE

MARTIN, JANET

NALL, MRS. JAMES G.

WILLIAMSON, MRS. MADIE D.

Received into church, Sept. 26,
1943:

BEATSON, RONALD B.

BEATSON, MRS. RONALD B.

BEATSON, HELEN

BEATSON, MARY ANNE

CHANDLER, S. CASPER, JR.

HARRELL, A. S.

HARRELL, MRS. A. S.

MARTIN, HUGH R.

MARTIN, MRS. HUGH R.

Received in church, October 3,
1943:

BERMAN, MICHAEL E.

BERMAN, MRS. MICHAEL E.

EATON, PAUL B.

EATON, MRS. PAUL B.

GIBSON, F. D.

GIBSON, MRS. F. D.

GIBSON, FAITH

GRIFFIN, IRA LEE

GRIFFIN, MRS. IRA LEE

GRIFFIN, IRA LEE, JR.

GRIFFIN, WM. AIKEN

SPRINGER, MRS. LILLIE MAE

SPRINGER, MISS MARGARET

TAYLOR, JAS. E.

TAYLOR, MRS. JAS. E.

Received into church, Oct. 10,
1943:

DAVIS, MISS EUGENIA

RAIFORD, DOROTHY ANN

SWANZEY, CHARLEEN

Received into church, Oct. 17,
1943:

CRANDALL, PAUL E.

CRANDALL, MRS. PAUL E.

Received into church, Oct. 24,
1943:

BRIGGS, MRS. W. D.
QUERY, MRS. LEONARD G.

Received into church, Oct. 31,
1943:

BIGGERS, CARL, JR.
DAVIS, BURKE
HARRISON, LEONARD K.
HARRISON, MRS. LEONARD K.
SPURRIER, MRS. W. M.

Received into the church, Nov.
7, 1943:

EFIRD, JOHN EMERY, II
EFIRD, MRS. JOHN EMERY, II
HENRY, W. E., JR.
HENRY, MRS. W. E., JR.

Received into the church, Nov.
14, 1943:

HARMON, MRS. ZELMA H.
LONG, MR. J. O.
MORRELL, D. L.
MORRELL, MRS. D. L.
WILLIAMSON, MRS. W. H., JR.

Received into the church, Nov.
21, 1943:

RICE, MISS ANNE
ROGERS, CURT L.
ROGERS, MRS. CURT L.
SPENCER, MR. T. B. E.

Received into the church, Nov.
28, 1943:

DANCY, MISS EDITH MARTHA
SWANZEY, H. E.
SWANZEY, MRS. H. E.

Received into the church, Dec.
5, 1943:

COLLINS, JAMES M.
COLLINS, MRS. JAMES M.

Received into the church, Dec.
12, 1943:

LEWIS, J. W., JR.
LEWIS, MRS. J. W., JR.

Received into the church, Dec.
19, 1943:

JOHNSTON, JENNY
RIMMER, MRS. RALPH S.
THOMASON, MRS. HATTIE D.
THOMASON, MISS CHRYSTAL
THOMPSON, MR. EMERSON DOWD

Received into the church, Jan.
9, 1944:

PARNELL, CARL

Received into church, Jan. 16
1944:

BASSETT, MR. ALTON E.
EASON, MRS. DELLA
GARDNER, JACK A.
HOWIE, H. GILMER
HOWIE, MRS. H. GILMER
KLEMENTS, CARROLL
MCLENDON, MISS FLORA
MCLENDON, MISS LEONA
POWERS, MR. L. B.
RANSOM, MRS. BESS WILLIAMS
ROBERTS, MRS. S. E.
SLOAN, MRS. JOHN D.
TOWNSEND, JOE
WILLIS, MISS GAY
WILLIS, MISS MARGARET

Received into the church, Jan.
23, 1944:

BUTLER, MR. AMON M.
FIELDS, GEORGE WALTON
RAYBURN, JEAN
ROGERS, BETTY LEE
ROGERS, CONNIE
SELBY, DR. WM. E.
SELBY, MRS. WM. E.

On March 19, 1944, Lt. Thomas Elliott's name was added to Charter Roll under provision that Service Men were to be included, and also Mrs. Elliott because she had previously signed the Scroll.

The Church Calendar

Sunday—

- 9:45 A. M.—Church School for all ages.
- 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship in Queens College Auditorium.
- 5:00 P. M.—Sunday Afternoon Fellowship for church youth.
- 6:15 P. M.—Young People's Choir rehearsal.
- 7:30 P. M.—(Second Sunday)—Finance Committee.
- 8:30 P. M.—(Second Sunday)—Board of Deacons.

Monday—

- 1:00 P. M.—(Last Monday)—Church School Cabinet, Efid s.
- 3:30 P. M.—(Monday after first Sunday)—Circle meetings in homes.
(Third Monday)—Woman's Missionary Society, general meeting.
- 7:00 P. M.—(Fourth Monday)—Business Woman's Circle.

Tuesday—

- 10:00 A. M.—(Tuesday before first Monday)—Board of W. M. S.
- 11:00 A. M.—Community Bible Class
- 2:30 P. M.—Cherubs Choir
- 4:00 P. M.—Junior Choir
- 5:00 P. M.—Junior Class in Christian Education.
- 7:30 P. M.—(Tuesday after 1st Sunday) Workers Conference
- 7:30 P. M.—Church School Training Courses.

Thursday—

- 5:00 P. M.—Girls Choir
- 6:00 P. M.—Family Night
- 8:00 P. M.—Adult Choir

Meeting dates of W. M. S. auxiliaries obtainable from church office. The schedule for other week day classes in Christian Education is also obtainable from the church office. All meetings held in Fellowship House, 1900 Queens Road, unless otherwise specified.

The Statistical Record

Membership on January 17, 1943	267
Additions: By Baptism	42
By Letter	177
Total	219
Losses: By Death	3
By Letter	13
Membership on January 16, 1944	470
Church School Enrollment January 17, 1943	256
January 16, 1944	390
Woman's Missionary Society Enrollment	130
Choir Enrollment	152
Sunday Afternoon Fellowship Enrollment	76

FINANCIAL FACTS

January 17, 1943 Church Members	267
Church Members Pledging	267
January 16, 1944 Church Members	470
Church Members Pledging	470
Total gifts to Church	\$118,625.33
To Church School	3,145.31
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	\$121,770.64

Total Disbursements:	
Current Expenses	\$ 17,746.58
Benevolences	6,597.53
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Balances in land, equipment and cash	\$ 97,110.27

OUR BUDGET FOR 1944

Current Expenses	\$ 25,500.00
Building Fund	15 000.00
Missions	4,500.00
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	\$ 45,000.00
Total Amount pledged for 1944	\$ 50,535.74

To Those Who Come After Us

WE, who are the charter members of this church, write this word of cordial greeting to you who have since this first year united with our church. That you will love it as we do, we have no doubt. That it will bring rich blessings to your lives as it has to ours, we know equally well. You have united yourself with us in a great task; and we welcome you as though you had been with us from the beginning. Just as we received a charge in the dream which brought us to this creative task, so do we charge you that you will strive to understand the greatness of the vision which is this church; that by your prayers, work, and gifts you will add to the mighty power which has been generated here; and that in the days to come you will broaden and enlarge the original vision by being sensitive to the voice of God as He continually speaks to us of those things which He would have His church do in this world, to the end that His Kingdom might come, and His will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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